

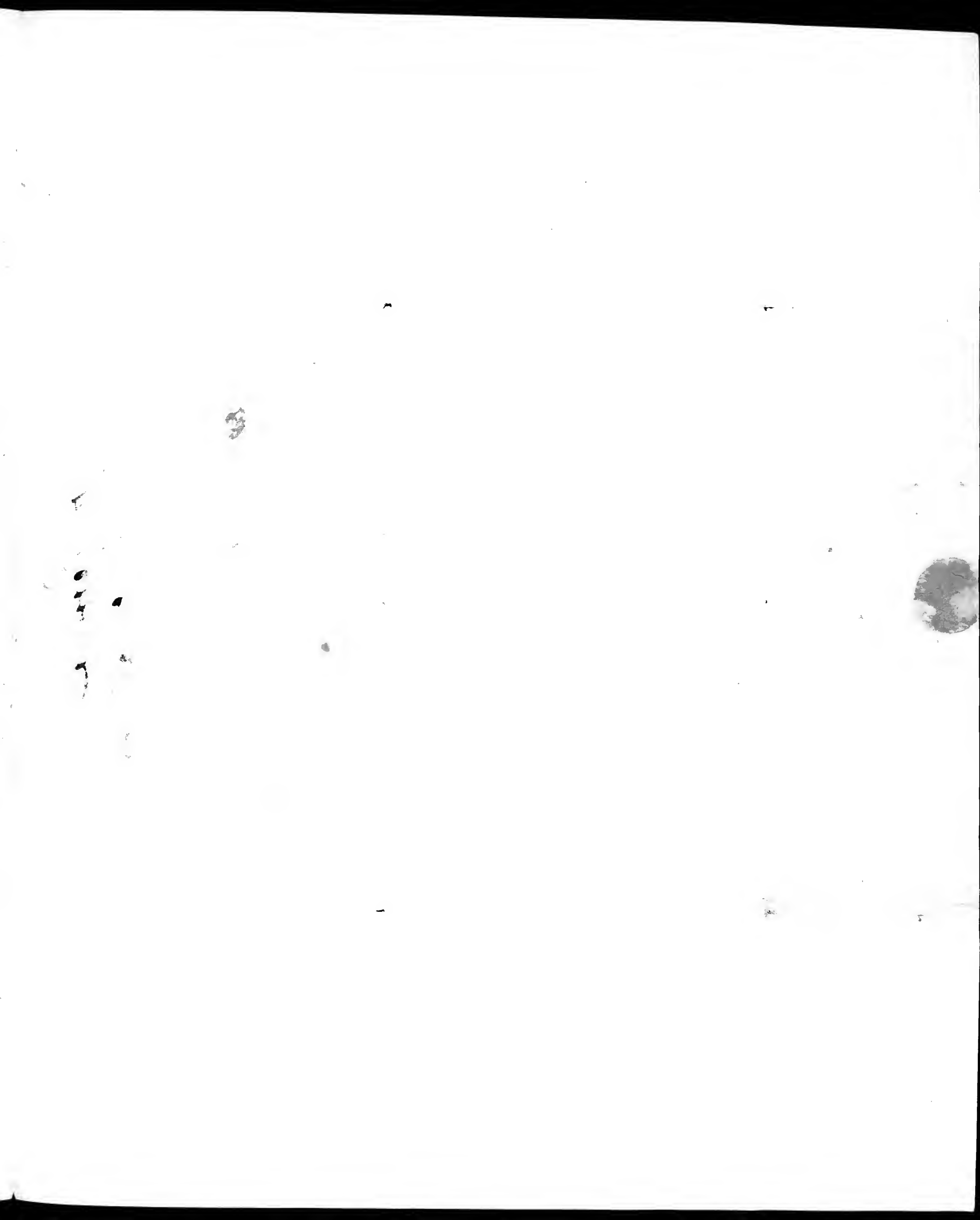
They will not only be a great cultivation of the Negro population & some
will cause an entire revolution in the agriculture of the Southern States will
relieve them from their present suffering in barren lands and convert even
their ruined fields and sterile districts into fertile sources of vegetable wealth
that it will furnish a profitable staple in the planter's of the South & should
spread a little more wealth in the Southern States, & bring many a man of our
other hand respects and they & we take an interest in general and will then, I think
the prosperity and the perpetuity of the Union

In the first place I send the enclosed of my letter to the Lyceum & I am sure the
Lyceum will be glad to receive it & I am sure it will be of great service to the
United States for it is a subject which every body
should know & I am sure it will be of great importance
in the interest of Canada. If a statement is made in the language of the
Government of New York be true & that most consider of culture & science work
at the northern margin of the zone of their growth the fact will be an
additional encouragement. I felt very happy that of the Lyceum believed
my statement. They must acknowledge that the subject was interesting
important, and deserving the patronage of Government, and I am sure
that they could not be in measure for indulgence in expressing their opinions.
I expected that they would at least have expressed their sincere feelings
importance in some way that might be compared to its presentation in the
my Petition to Government. Even a single circumstance or even a
note or honorary or corresponding member might have indicated their
feeling of its importance. However gratifying to my vanity it might have been
my vanity would have had the least gratification from such an act. My
ambition would have been subdued - an ambition which leads me
to believe that the success of my enterprise will elevate me to the level of
public benefactors higher than even the founders of Canada. With or without
the aid of scientific or common sense men I will ultimately succeed, but they
will all be able to my mind. It would of course look better to the Congressional
Committee on my paper, to see Document No. 1, with the appendix. I send
before the Lyceum by Jan. 1840. I am sure the Committee will be surprised
that they consider the subject to be of high national importance and
that the domestication of the species merits the special patronage of the
General Government. Commended by the Society."

I must lie down on account of exhaustion - but consider that some education
however tiresome it may be an effort to beg your favor or to share your
friendship. May I hope that my expectations were I have explained. If
they cannot be fulfilled, I am only sure to be as my paper is the same
in such a manner as will not imply any unfavorable opinion or any wish
of it by the Lyceum. I have the honor to be very resp.

Yours &c. George H. Perkins



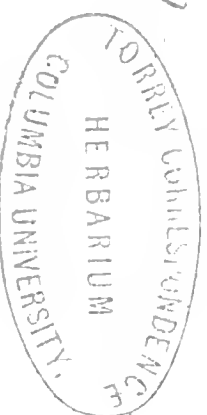


H. Perrie

Sept. 22nd 1832

dear Sir if the Review should turn out disagreeable. I am in fear of reporting next Monday if I wish you would show me a short notice Saturday & you truly
yours

New York
Barclay Street
Medical College
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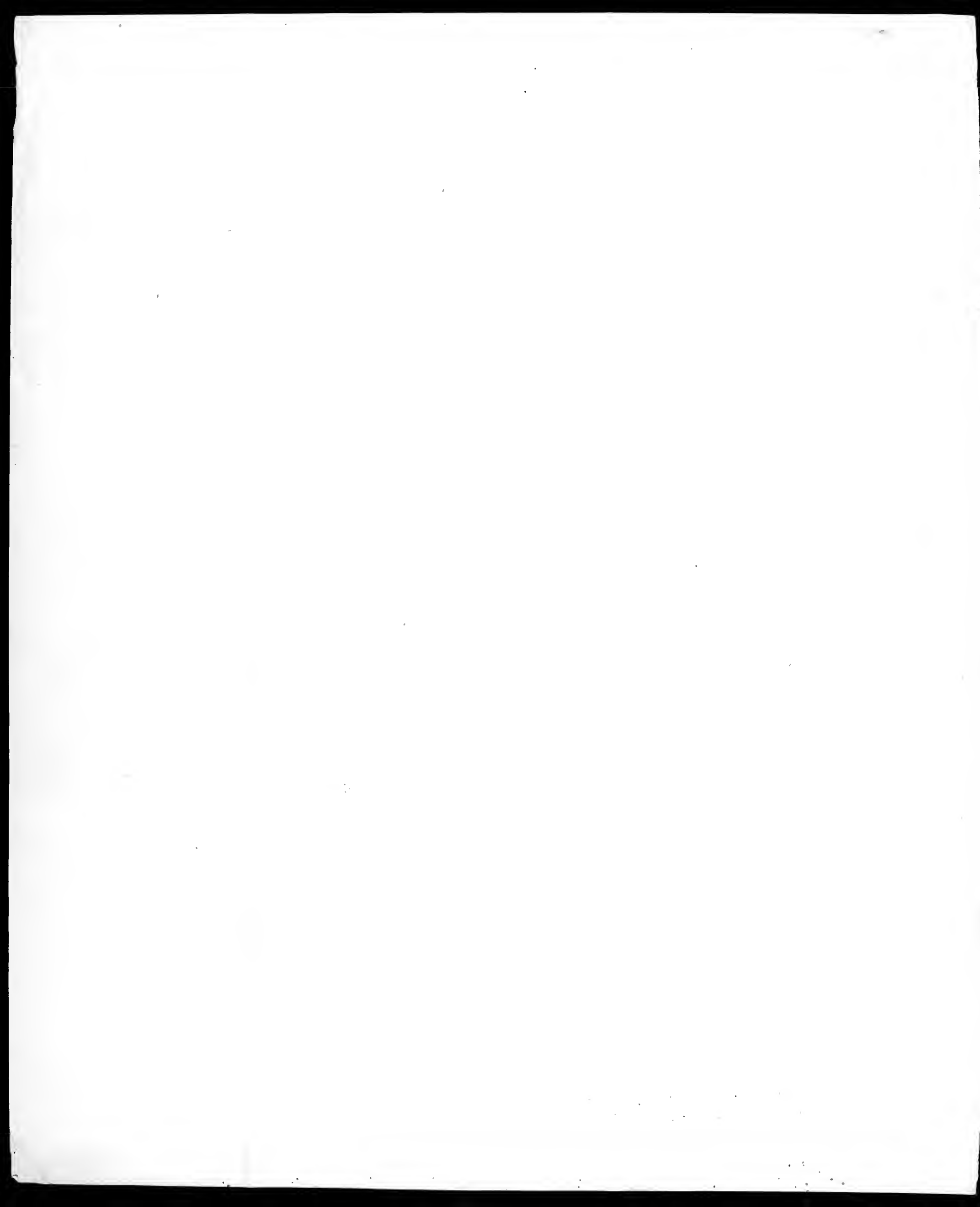
dear Sir - I send you a letter etc. I rec'd a few days ago from Dr. Perrie. It contains some stuff but that should not prevent us from making a favorable report of his project, if it be a good one. No doubt we need to have it to our own advantage - but it seems to me that our Country. & the Cause of Science, will also be

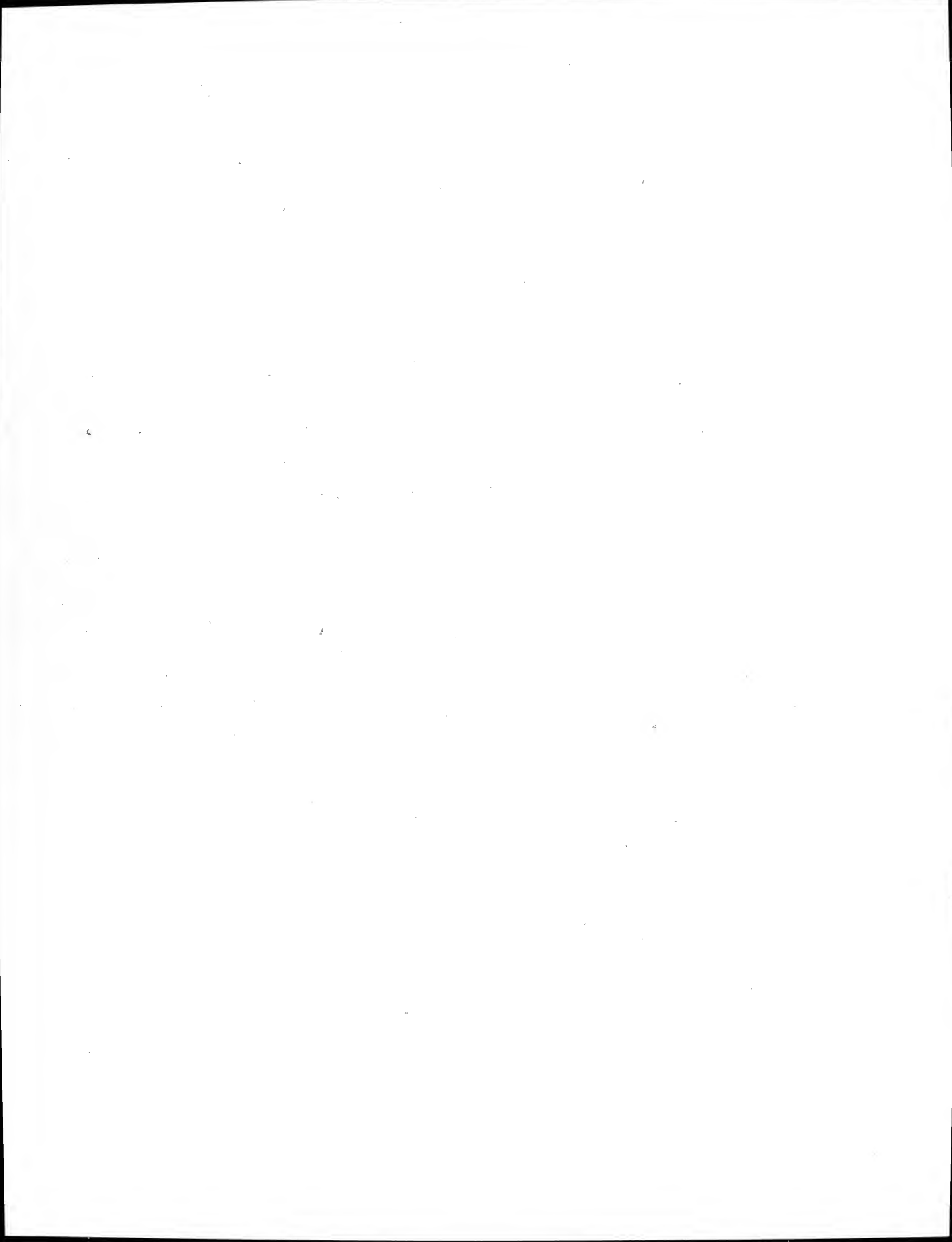
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Cum gratia U.S. & Camped 14th - Jan 29 1833

Professor Torrey. Dear Sir. Two days ago we were very cold as
Fahrenheit pointed at 66° & night degrees colder than any other morning
this winter but now at 4 P.M. I am writing in my summer
dress with the thermometer at 78°. It is very pleasant I assure
you to be enjoying the vegetables which you will not taste
in five or six months to come - when I hope to give you
in a bowl of strawberries and milk. No vessel was sent
as well as it soon directly for New York and I don't not know
any thing by indirect conveyance, so you will be as good as to
wait for your grasses until you get them. I have a tolerable
collection of the glaucous plants so far and may well think they are more
abundant. I am improving in health and happiness - but my
money but much troublesome being we have just rec'd from Barcelona.
I have rec'd a long letter from J. Dubose of Cape Florida which is very
encouraging to my enterprise - Plantains, Bananas, Oranges, Limes
be being already growing there; and Captain Parkman who was at
Cape in May last is now here so that I have tolerable data to
form my opinions. In haste very respectfully
J. B. Penne





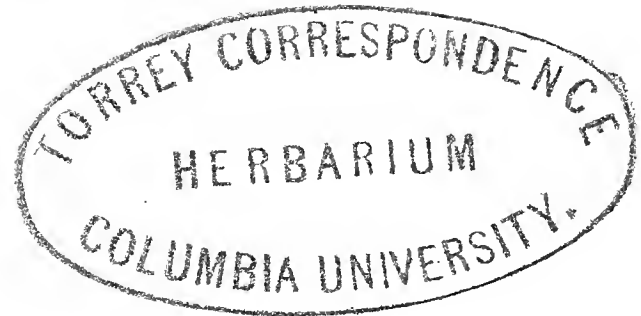
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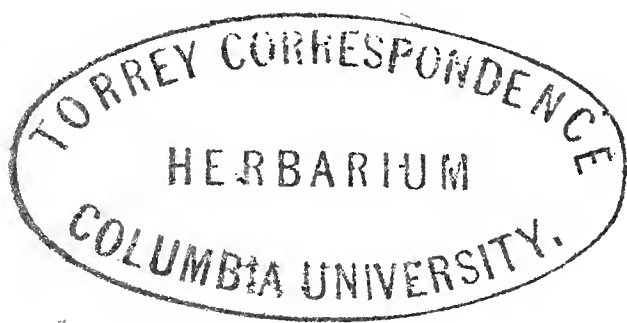
Washington D.C. 15th January 1936. 1936.

Agave grows in Arkansas.
Nuttall has also "~~Guzmania~~ recurvifolia?" - he says that *G. angustif.*
grows on the Missouri.

Rutall has also "~~Gum~~ *foliata*" "*recurvifolia*?" - he says that *G. angustif.*
grows on the Missouri.

Having been interrupted by a visit of Mrs. B. I sit down again to continue my letter. You will
perceive that my great object is to present before Congress and the Country a compilation of all the scanty
plants that are known relative to our indigenous Agaves & Yuccas, and other indigenous plants with
fibrous leaves of any such there be. As however a figure of each will attract the attention of 33 out of 100
of our people more than their whole volumes of printed words without figures, and as a plate of each
kind will not only illustrate the character of those I wish to introduce but will likely stimulate
our population to look at our indigenous Yuccas & Agaves and to make trial of the properties of their
leaves. I feel still more anxious to have those figures than ever before of that I believe Dr. P. P.
Mabey at least during the present month. I shall hence search in the Congressional Library
for the foreign authors which you cite in giving my plates although I fear without success - (I cannot
find in it the Nov. No. of the Franklinian Journal to which you refer for an article of the fibres
of Pineapple leaves). Perhaps I may find the Botanical Magazine 1157 although the reference
is rather indefinite. I include by Franking you with all my heart for your urgent
letter to Professor Herbel of the Jardin des Plantes at Paris requesting him to forward seeds and
live plants of *Thermopsis* *condurca* & of *Musa* *Abacas*. I forget whether I mentioned to you
the fact that Perrot had sent some to French Cayenne where they are said to be greatly multiplied.
Perhaps Mr. Downing will undertake to get as many as possible from that place on commission
so that they may arrive at New York this spring and reach Florida before the summer rains
come on. I know just a Merchant at Charleston S. C. is the Agent of Capt. Boresman the
Proprietor of Indian Hay, and hence the former might be confided in to forward to the latter any
parcels sent to him from New York by the Mail packet sails from Charleston the 15th of each
month for Indian Hay and Key West. Hence any thing sent from New York in a steam packet
between the 5th & 10th of each month would likely arrive at Charleston in time to go in the
Mail packet. I mention this in the event any thing should offer before a permanent contract
be made with responsible agents both in New York & Charleston. Once reaching the Indians
they the fidelity of Mr. Howe is a guarantee that every seed and plant will be diligently
preserved and propagated. Very res^{ly} yours obt^{ly} Henry Perrine





Professor John Torrey, corner of Prince & 4th Streets New York

Washington 18th May 1838.

Dear Sir Permit me to intrude on your kindness the last time by requesting that you will inform me whether you have received my letters of the 16th April & 10th May - and the Documents to which they refer and what action you have taken or intend to take in compliance with the solicitations therein contained that a request should be made to U.S. Senators to have the Senate Bill No 248. called up and acted on in that chamber as soon as possible. Twenty days delay on the crushing question - several days more on the issue of Treason Notes - and constant protraction on all partisan topics - will prevent the passage of measures of real value. Bills which have been before Congress for many years waiting for a speedy justice while most of the claimants have died or have been ruined in the pursuit. Who can wonder that after many years unavailing sufferings, the poor claimants should yield up the ghost bespeaking their curses on the Mis-government of their Country.

In reply to me please to enclose the letter in a cover, and on that envelope direct to the Hon. H. Logan, Hon. A. W. Snyder, or Hon. S. P. Linn. The bill who receives the envelope on opening it finds the letter directed to me, and sends it to my lodgings. Heaven knows that my general expenses are too heavy for my means without being furthered with postage on many letters. An average of 4 to 5 dollars a day is the hard amount which me is forced to spend in Washington. H.P.



Free
H. Legan



Professor John Torrey
C of Prince & Mc Dougall Sts
City of New York

